REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 are active in this case.

Applicants thank the Office for indicating that Claims 1-20 are allowed. Claims 21-30 have been cancelled. Accordingly, the rejection of 21, 22 and 23-30 as being obvious in view of the publication of <u>van Loef et al</u> is no longer applicable.

The objection to the Inventors Oath/Declaration was addressed in the amendment filed on November 20, 2008 where another copy of the original document was provided. That document is plainly and legibly written and modifications to that document are accompanied by initials and dates as required under the relevant Rules.

A Notice of Allowance is kindly requested.

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